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To Whom It May Concern:

I feel strongly that the decision reached by the U.S. Department of Justice in this case against Microsoft is little more than a "slap on the wrist" to a company that has been forced to pay out millions of dollars to various competitive companies in the past 15 years for their clearly negligent violations of patents, copyrights, nondisclosures and license agreements.

Microsoft has such a blatant history of unethical behavior. Who is actually going to hold them accountable for this judgment? They will ultimately find a way to keep issues tied up in litigation for years to come, rather than do the right thing for the computer industry... allow fair competition to thrive.

I anticipate that in the next five years, the United States will be forced to bring further antitrust action against Microsoft again, due primarily to their violation of user privacy issues that are just now beginning to surface.

Fair competition breeds true innovation. In my opinion, Microsoft should be forced to split their company into smaller divisions, and give the rest of the world the opportunity to create and innovate for larger marketshare.

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The greatest honor history can bestow is that of peacemaker. -- Richard M. Nixon

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